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Public Safety Testimony
HB 5340: An Act Concerning Prizes For Teacup Raffles

Good Morning Chairwoman Stillman, Chairman Dargan and Members of the Public Safety Committee:

I am State Representative Barbara Lambert for the 118th district of Milford. I am more than pleased to be here in support of Raised Bill HB 5340, An Act Concerning Prizes for Teacup Raffles.

HB 5340 will allow for cash prizes and merchandise in excess \$100 in value in Teacup Raffles. This change will reflect more accurately today's economic environment when merchandise today exceeds the old limit of \$100. That prohibition prevented qualifying organizations from accepting merchandise that was in excess of \$100 and thus restricting Teacup Raffles.

Most individuals who buy raffle tickets choose the item that most suits their needs and HB 5340 will restore the intent of Teacup Raffles. This was brought to my attention when I visited the Christmas Tree Competition at Milford Hospital, bought my tickets, and continued to look for the containers that were usually placed in front of each prize tree that I hoped to win.

To my surprise, the women present told me that Connecticut would no longer allow them to have the popular Teacup Raffle as in the past because they were enforcing the law that said no merchandise valued \$100 qualified, and therefore, would have to be in a general raffle disallowing you to choose, as in the past, your favorite Christmas Tree or item.

When I questioned the new practice, the women informed me that Senator Slossberg was going to work on legislation. I was glad to see an attempt to bring up this antiquated law to the 21st century. I strongly support HB 5340 and would be happy to assist in the anyway to see that this legislation becomes law.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Lambert

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